



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 912

January Session, 2017

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**AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE STAFF QUALIFICATIONS
REQUIREMENT FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection
2 (b) of section 10-16p of the general statutes are repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2017*):

4 (B) From July 1, [2017] 2018, until June 30, [2020] 2021, "staff
5 qualifications" means that for each early childhood education program
6 accepting state funds for infant, toddler and preschool spaces
7 associated with such program's child care program or school readiness
8 program, (i) at least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary
9 responsibility for a classroom of children (I) hold [(I)] certification
10 pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in early childhood
11 education or early childhood special education, [or] (II) hold a
12 bachelor's degree with a concentration in early childhood education,
13 including, but not limited to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood
14 education, child study, child development or human growth and
15 development, from an institution of higher education accredited by the
16 Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of Higher Education,
17 and regionally accredited, provided such bachelor's degree program is
18 approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or the Office
19 of Higher Education and the Office of Early Childhood, (III) hold a

20 bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child study, child
21 development or human growth and development, or the functional
22 equivalent of such subject areas, from an institution of higher
23 education that is regionally accredited, or (IV) satisfy the requirements
24 of subdivision (3), (4) or (5) of this subsection, and (ii) such remaining
25 individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of children
26 hold an associate degree with a concentration in early childhood
27 education, including, but not limited to, an associate degree in early
28 childhood education, child study, child development or human
29 growth and development, from an institution of higher education (I)
30 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or Office of
31 Higher Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided such
32 associate degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for
33 Higher Education or the Office of Higher Education and the Office of
34 Early Childhood; and

35 (C) On and after July 1, [2020] 2021, "staff qualifications" means that
36 for each early childhood education program accepting state funds for
37 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's
38 child care program or school readiness program, one hundred per cent
39 of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a classroom of
40 children (i) hold [(i)] certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an
41 endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood special
42 education, [or] (ii) hold a bachelor's degree with a concentration in
43 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's
44 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or
45 human growth and development, from an institution of higher
46 education [(I)] accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
47 Education or the Office of Higher Education, and [(II)] regionally
48 accredited, provided such bachelor's degree program is approved by
49 the Board of Regents for Higher Education or the Office of Higher
50 Education and the Office of Early Childhood, (iii) hold a bachelor's
51 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or
52 human growth and development, or the functional equivalent of such
53 subject areas, from an institution of higher education that is regionally

54 accredited, or (iv) satisfy the requirements of subdivision (3), (4) or (5)
55 of this subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	10-16p(b)(2)(B) and (C)
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ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*